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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 30, and ending on page 7, line 2, as follows:

In the preferred embodiment where the steps a) to c) are repeated to produce a number of data sets, the storage medium would be confirmed as valid only if all of the codes and their associations agree with the information on the secure database.